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Appendix # 5

Verbal statement about some personalities among the Latvians in exile

1/ KALNIŅŠ Bruno:

As mentioned before neither Agent nor his fellow workers in Latvia did know that Bruno KALNIŅŠ is still alive and in Sweden. Agent mentioned that once in Liepaja after WWII he and some of his friends looked over the formerly popular illustrated weekly Atvērta and saw there a picture showing Bruno K. in general's uniform (such picture could be taken in the fall of 1940 - Br.) and all the persons present had the same opinion that Bruno K. at this time had been engaged in treacherous activities which were directed against the Latvian people.

Already during the first day Agent spent in Stockholm, Sweden (after having been brought there from Gotland), BREIKŠS Jānis tried to have Agent and the other refugees on a party given by Bruno KALNIŅŠ in Stockholm. Though Agent disliked the thought to be introduced to Bruno K. he had not courage to resist J. BREIKŠS' wish since the latter had been helpful to Agent up to this day. So the refugees went to this party and Agent was questioned by Bruno K. about the living conditions in Latvia in general and about the work political attitude of the working class in particular. The questions were put in such a manner which clearly indicated that Bruno K. is convinced that he and the Latvian Social Democratic Party still are very popular in Latvia. Agent gave him evasive answers and tried to be as short as possible in his replies since he did not trust Bruno K. It was quite obvious that Bruno K. was not pleased by these answers which did not fit his opinion; very characteristic was such episode during this meeting: Bruno K. got a phone call and in answering it remarked that "these people (who escaped)

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don't know much ( about the life in Latvia ) - it's useless to ask them more questions ". Agent was so disgusted with this party that a couple hours later, while on some business in the Latvian Relief Committee in Stockholm, he got involved in a heavy dispute with Dr. OGRIŅŠ and told the latter that he spite on such Bruno KALNIŅŠ and that the latter will not be allowed to return to free Latvia by the people there. Now Agent is convinced that Bruno KALNIŅŠ tries to denounce him. Besides, Agent learned through his acquaintance, Mrs. SMILTŅECĀ AJŅŅMALA Alise ( the latter is a close friend of the sister of Bruno K's wife ), that Bruno K. achieved that a certain amount for Agent's financial support from one Mr. JOHNSON ( a Swedish-American in Stockholm ) was cut off because of Agent's non-cooperative attitude toward Bruno K.

2/ KLĪVE Adolfs:

Last fall, during some Latvian festivities in New York, Agent was introduced to the Latvian Minister in the USA, Dr. SPEKKE A., by KLĪVE Adolfs with these words: " Here is the gentleman we talked about yesterday ". Since Dr. SPEKKE showed no special interest in Agent, did not ask him any questions about the life in Latvia, Agent is convinced that KLĪVE A. has furnished Dr. SPEKKE with some derogatory info on Agent, maybe has denounced Agent as a Communist agent. Agent explains such attitude of KLĪVE A. by the fact that Agent, while on his lecturing trip in summer 1955, showed publicly that he as well as the people in Latvia don't like the old politicians.

3/ BĒRZIŅŠ Alfreds:

Agent stated that he did not like the former minister already in free Latvia due to the latter's arrogance ( Agent encountered him during some sport contest in Laspaja at this time ). In this connection Agent mentioned ~~xxxxxxx~~ a strange fact about Alfreds B's private life which was Agent learned

from a Latvian engineer BERZIJS first ( formerly working at the VEF factory in Riga in the division producing the "Minox" photo camera ) while working in 1953/54 at the Edg.L.Scillitos, Inc. (now <sup>Elsin</sup> Electronics Corporation, Brooklyn 3, N.Y. ) as arc welder:

Said BERZIJS, while preparing to go to Germany in the fall of 1944, got the task from a Latvian lady to bring to Germany also the daughter of the former minister, BERZIJS Alfreds. Engineer B. fulfilled this task and brought this girl to her father, who was at this time in Berlin; engineer B., however, was quite surprised to find that Alfreds BERZIJS was not pleased to see his daughter again, rather dissatisfied about the fact that now he has to care about this girl ( about 16 years old then ). Later engineer B. had heard that this daughter of Alfreds B. is missing.

After having heard this story, Agent encountered Alfreds B. occasionally in New York and asked him ~~what~~ frankly about the fate of the latter's daughter; Alfreds B.'s answer was that his daughter has been deported by the Soviets. Agent suspects now that there is something wrong with this girl and asked Bruno to try to find out what happened to her in reality. Besides, the Latvian journalist, BRUNAVS Helmutis, recently has complained to Agent that the a/m Alfreds BERZIJS has started an action against the brother i.l. of BRUNAVS H. ( Agent does not know the name of this person; it might be the case of ALPS Voldemars, see file BRITS - Br.). According to BRUNAVS, his brother i.l. was the chief of the Latvian Political Police during the first years of free Latvia and BERZIJS Alfreds was one of his subordinates then; now BERZIJS Alfreds, having a more important job than his former chief, tries to get revenged on him ~~for some reason~~ for some reason.

4/ BRUNAVS Helmutis:

Since last fall, BRUNAVS H. is contacting Agent now and then, has shown interest in the fact material of Agent which eventually could be published

in a book; however, Agent has the impression that BRUNAVS has no serious intentions to help to write Agent such a book. Agent mentioned that BRUNAVS has explained him in details the background situation among the Latvian politicians in Sweden, f.i. how new Latvian governments were formed there several times after W II etc. Agent got the impression that BRUNAVS deeply despises the old politicians in Sweden; since Agent has the same opinion he is on good terms with BRUNAVS by now. The latter has also complained about BĒRZIŅŠ Alfrēds ( see above under 5 ). Besides BRUNAVS has mentioned Agent that his brother got deported in 1941 ( the book "These Names Accuse" lists one BRUNAVS Jūlijs, born 1905, as arrested and deported from Riga, Debesbraukšems St.5, Apt.6 ).

During the meeting there was a phone call from BRUNAVS to Agent; during this conversation BRUNAVS asked whether Agent is alone at home and the latter replied that he has a guest now and would not have time to meet BRUNAVS during the day.